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REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

PAID DEBTS.

Paid State tax,	\$668 00	
County tax,	519 15	
Indian Head N. Bank,	452 00	
“ “ “ Interest,	3 10	
I. McQuesten, balance on note,	78 13	
	<hr/>	\$1,720 38

SCHOOLS.

District No. 1, S. Chase,	\$146 42	
“ “ 2, N. P. Bullock,	185 08	
“ “ 3, I. L. Center,	188 07	
“ “ 4, J. S. Read,	70 19	
“ “ 5, A. H. Marshall,	19 50	
A. H. Marshall, school house tax,	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$610 61

TOWN OFFICERS.

I. N. Center, Town Clerk,	\$12 00	
I. McQuesten, Selectman,	25 00	
J. W. Goodspeed, “	20 00	
G. H. Goodspeed,	13 00	
I. McQuesten, Treasurer,	10 00	
A. B. Center, S. S. Committee,	15 00	
L. L. Daniels, collector 1878,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$130 00

PAUPERS.

Mrs. G. E. Senter, house rent for Hazard family,	\$37 50	
County of Hillsborough Board of S. G. Melvin,	135 38	
E. Pike, keeping tramps, 1877--8,	14 00	
G. H. Goodspeed, keeping tramps 1877--78,	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$190 88

HIGHWAYS.

Paid W. Goodspeed for gravel,	\$8 60	
S. J. Corning, "	4 00	
W. Corning, "	4 00	
I. C. Cook, for plank, —	6 48	
I. McQuesten, for posts, lumber, and work,	3 50	
	<hr/>	\$26 58

SUNDRY BILLS.

Paid W. T. Read, bounty on fox,	\$ 50	
J. B. French, " 3 foxes,	1 50	
J. W. Goodspeed, bounty on hawks,	3 20	
E. Parker, abatement of poll tax 1877,	76	
M. V. B. Greene for invoice book,	3 50	
" " printing town reports,	15 00	
M. V. B. Greene for stationery and highway books,	1 50	
I. McQuesten, glass & glazing,	65	
P. Farley, injury to horse at bridge near M. Campbell's,	25 00	

N. P. Bullock, as sexton,	10 00	
N. C. Griffin, balance due on highway list 1877,	1 50	
G. H. Goodspeed, mending grave- yard fence,	1 50	
	-----	\$64 61

TOWN HOUSE.

Paid Committees's report accepted and adopted by the town on the fifth day of Novem- ber last,	\$247 60	
For 100 chairs at 45 cts. each,	45 00	
Painting Town house,	25 00	
Insurance on "	55 00	
S. Chase, freight on chairs,	2 00	
	-----	\$374 60

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State tax,	\$668 00	
County tax,	519 15	
Indian Head Bank,	452 00	
I. McQuesten, note,	78 13	
Interest to Indian Head Bank,	3 10	
Schools,	610 61	
Town officers,	130 00	
Paupers,	190 88	
Highway,	26 58	
Sundry bills,	64 61	
Town House,	374 60	
	-----	\$3,117 66
Balance on chandelier and light,	\$16 75	
	-----	\$3,134 41

CASH RECEIVED.

Rail Road tax,	\$102 50	
Savings Bank,	637 64	
Literary Fund,	23 31	
J. W. Goodspeed,	125 00	
Indian Head N. Bank,	196 10	
“ “	246 10	
N. Tuttle,	200 00	
L. L. Daniels, collector,	1,437 00	
Town House,	2 80	
	<hr/>	\$2,970 48
Whole amount paid by Treasurer,	\$3,134 41	
“ received by “	2,970 45	
Due Treasurer,	<hr/>	\$163 96
J. W. Goodspeed,		125 00
N. Tuttle,		265 26
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		\$554 22
Whole amount charged collector,	\$1,830 60	
Paid Treasurer,	1,437 00	
Due from collector,	<hr/>	\$393 60
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Total liabilities of the town,		\$160 62

ISAAC McQUESTEN, *Treasurer.*

We, the Selectmen, have examined the above report of the Treasurer, and find it a true report, to the best of our knowledge, of the financial affairs of the town.

J. W. GOODSPEED,
G. H. GOODSPEED,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

SAMUEL CHASE, *Prudential Committee.*

MISS JULIA A. BIXBY, *Teacher.*

That Miss Bixby's services are appreciated is evident, as she has been called upon often to take charge of this school. The order was good ; instruction good ; and progress in the several branches pursued commendable.

Eliza K. Parker, Edith R. Leach and Arthur D. Leach were present every half day of a term without being absent or tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

MR. N. P. BULLOCK, *Prudential Committee.*

M. A. CENTER. *Teacher.*

There is more than common ability in this school. The scholars are apt and love study. Thanks are due the parents

for their kind co-operation, for where teacher, scholar and parents work in sympathy, the one grand purpose will be achieved.

It is a fact worthy of mention, that during the Fall term, none of the pupils were tardy, and but very few during the other terms.

Quite a large proportion were perfect in spelling. During the Fall term, Walter T. McQuesten, Rosa Selvess and Mena Selvess were neither absent nor tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

F. L. CENTER, *Prudential Committee.*

MISS M. W. GRIFFIN, *Teacher of Summer Term.*

It requires experience, patience, and a willingness to work without ceasing, "to keep a good school," of which requisites the teacher seemed to be the fortunate possessor. The school prospered under her care. The following remarks are quoted from the teacher: "This is the largest school in town, and should be, as we think it is, one of the best, as persistent effort on the part of the teacher finds its reward in the improvement of the scholars, and increased interest on the part of parents and friends; and the success of a school depends largely upon the hearty co-operation of pupils and parents in all attempts to increase the efficiency of school discipline and instruction.

Would not the acquisition of knowledge by the scholars of this school be increased four per cent. by the purchase of a dictionary and outline maps?"

Miss Helen L. Moulton was employed to take charge of the Fall term. She passed a good examination, but was unacquainted with a district school, and after teaching some two weeks and finding she did not give satisfaction, quietly sent in her resignation. Miss Annie A. Marsh was employed in her stead, and taught the school acceptably the remainder of the school year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

SUMMER TERM.

D. Webster Bradt, Selina Bradt, Nellie E. Lefavor, Charles E. Sheldon.

No. 1, in her respective spelling class.—Nellie E. Lefavor, Lucretia Butterfield, Selina Bradt, Charles E. Sheldon.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

JOHN S. REID, *Prudential Committee.*

MISS NETTIE E. SMITH, *Teacher of Summer Term.*

If Miss S. had been more energetic the school would have appeared to a much better advantage.

Miss Jennie U. Elliott had charge of the Fall term. She was without experience, but at the close some improvement was manifest. The reading classes deserve special mention. Minnie Richardson was perfect in attendance during the Summer term, and Lottie F. Corning during both terms.

A proper amount of blackboard is indispensable for the work of an active teacher. The larger part of each branch can be worked out on the board.

The next Prudential Committee is invited to supply the school-room with a proper amount of good blackboard surface.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. CENTER, *S. S. Committee.*

Report of the Superintending School Committee of Litchfield, Mar. 5, 1879.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Kind of term.	Names of Teachers.										No. of half days of School.	Length of School in Weeks of five days each.	Whole number of Boys.	Whole number of Girls.	Average number of pupils.	Whole No. under five years.	Between five and fifteen.	Under six years.	Number not absent.	No. studying Drawing.	No. studying higher branches.	No. visits by Superintendent.	No. visits by parents and citizens.	Wages of Teacher per month.
1	Summer.	Miss J. A. Bixby.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100	10	11	3	11	1	9	1	1			2	21	\$28 00
	Fall.	" " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100	10	10	4	13	2	11	3	4			2	17	28 00
2	Summer.	" M. A. Center.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	93	9.3	7	5	10	1	9	3			2	15	26 00	
	Fall.	" " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80	8	4	6	10	1	9	3	3			2	12	26 00
	Winter.	" " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	100	10	9	7	13.5	1	15	1			2	13	26 00	
3	Summer.	" M. W. Griffin.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	87	8.7	7	13	18	1	18	1	5	1		2	13	26 00
	Fall.	" A. A. Marsh.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	7	12	8	17				2		6	1	2	28 00
	Winter.	" " "	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	7	14	8	10	17	1		2		6	1	1	28 00
	Summer.	" Nettie E. Smith.	80	8	2	5	6	7			2			2	12	12 00
4	Fall.	" Jennie U. Elliott.	130	13	1	5	5.66	5			2			3		12 00



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